

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 11, and 17 are presented as follows in re-written "clean" format. Claim 3 is cancelled. New claims 22-31 follow.

1. (Four times amended) A plastic pallet comprising:  
one or more resins selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate resin, blends containing polycarbonate resin, vinyl aromatic graft copolymer resin, polyetherimide resin, blends containing polyetherimide resin, and thermosetting resins;  
at least one flame retardant in an amount sufficient to impart a degree of flame retardancy to the pallet to pass UL 2335 protocol for pallets; and  
at least one impact modifier,  
wherein the pallet meets or exceeds Underwriters Laboratory UL 2335 protocol for pallets.

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11. (Four times amended) A method for making a plastic pallet comprising:  
molding a composition comprising at least one flame retardant in an amount sufficient to impart a degree of flame retardancy to the pallet to pass UL 2335 protocol for pallets; at least one impact modifier; and one or more other resins selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate resin, blends containing polycarbonate resin, vinyl aromatic graft copolymer resin, polyetherimide resin, blends containing polyetherimide resin, and thermosetting resins, wherein the pallet meets or exceeds Underwriters Laboratory UL 2335 protocol for pallets.

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17. A plastic pallet comprising:  
a polyphenylene ether resin;  
a high impact polystyrene;  
at least one flame retardant in an amount sufficient to impart a degree of flame retardancy to the pallet to pass UL 2335 protocol for pallets; and  
at least one impact modifier,  
wherein the pallet meets or exceeds Underwriters Laboratory UL 2335 protocol for pallets.

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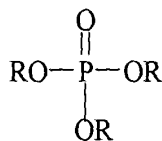
22. The plastic pallet of claim 17 wherein the pallet has at least one deck containing holes.

23. A method for making a plastic pallet comprising:  
injection molding a composition comprising polyphenylene ether resin; a high impact polystyrene; at least one flame retardant in an amount necessary to impart a degree of flame retardancy to the pallet to pass the UL 2335 protocol for pallets; and at least one impact modifier; wherein the pallet meets or exceeds Underwriters Laboratory UL 2335 protocol for pallets.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein said flame retardant comprises an organophosphate.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the organophosphate is an aromatic phosphate compound of the formula

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where R is the same or different and is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkyl substituted aryl, halogen substituted aryl, aryl substituted alkyl, halogen, or a combination of any of the foregoing, provided at least one R is aryl.

26. A plastic pallet consisting of:

polyphenylene ether resin;

high impact polystyrene;

at least one flame retardant;

at least one additive; and

at least one impact modifier,

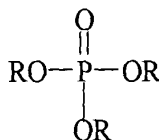
wherein the pallet meets or exceeds Underwriters Laboratory UL 2335 protocol for pallets.

27. The plastic pallet of claim 26, wherein at least one impact modifier is linear low density polyethylene.

28. The plastic pallet of claim 26, wherein the flame retardant is an organophosphate.

29. The plastic pallet of claim 28 wherein the organophosphate is an aromatic phosphate compound of the formula

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where R is the same or different and is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkyl substituted aryl, halogen substituted aryl, aryl substituted alkyl, halogen, or a combination of any of the foregoing, provided at least one R is aryl.

30. The plastic pallet of claim 28 wherein the polyphenylene ether resin is present in an amount of about 30 to about 70 parts, the high impact polystyrene resin is present in an amount of about 20 to about 60 parts, and the organophosphate is present in an amount of about 10 to about 30 parts, wherein all weights are based on 100 parts by weight of the polyphenylene ether resin, high impact polystyrene resin and organophosphate together.

31. The plastic pallet of claim 26 wherein the pallet has at least one deck containing holes.

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